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#### FARELLA ESTATE 2019 VINTAGE

Farella Vineyard is Realm's Estate vineyard in the Coombsville AVA. A fantastically complex site in the foothills of the Vaca Mountain range, the vineyard lies in one of the cooler regions of the Napa Valley. The 25 acres of vines are divided into numerous blocks with elevations ranging between 300 and 500 feet. Varying slopes create distinct microclimates and soil compositions.

Realm has produced a Single Vineyard Cabernet from Farella since 2003. 2019 represents our second vintage as an estate wine. Additional access to the vineyard allowed us to use Merlot in the blend, a first. By previous standards we've pushed the grapes to ripeness, but there's plenty of acidity and tannin to keep the wine balanced. It is a combination of house style and the characteristics of the Coombsville AVA that makes this wine intriguing.

**Blend:** Coombsville AVA. 92% Cabernet Sauvignon; 8% Merlot

**Vineyard:** Realm Farella Estate Vineyard

**Wine Profile:** Blue, brambly fruit with notes of clove and Christmas spice, plus the sensation of fresh air and pine after rainfall. The wine builds, crescendos and lingers on and on, with polished persistent tannins. Great acidity brings freshness to this wine.

#### THE STORY BEHIND FARELLA

Farella Vineyard was first planted in the late 1970's and early 1980's by Frank Farella. Realm began sourcing fruit from this site in 2003. In 2018, we were honored to enter into a partnership with Tom and Frank Farella for the long-term stewardship of this land.

Farella Vineyard features layers of volcanic and red rock and ashy deposits from ancient landslides, geologic episodes that literally turned this vineyard on its head. What better way to illustrate this phenomenon than with an upside down engraving of the vineyard? A scratchboard illustrator from Ohio worked off a photo of the vineyard to render this detailed engraving of Farella on its head.

